

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-13, 15-18, and 20-26 are currently active in this case. Claims 5, 14, and 19 have been canceled by way of the present amendment. Claims 1, 3, 4, 11, 13, 17, 18, and 20-26 have been amended by way of the present amendment. Each amended claim is supported by the specification and claims as originally submitted, and no new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Official Action, the oath/declaration was objected to; the specification was objected to; the claims were objected for numbering errors; Claims 11 and 25 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for having insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "the caller data"; Claims 1 and 2 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Chmaytelli* (U.S. Patent No. 6,233,464) in view of *O'Sullivan* (U.S. Patent No. 4,972,457) and further in view of *Sumner* (U.S. Patent No. 6,091,947); Claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, and 24 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Chmaytelli* in view of *Sumner*; Claims 5, 14, 16, and 19 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Chmaytelli* and *Sumner* in further view of *O'Sullivan*; Claims 8, 9, 22, and 23 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Chmaytelli* and *Sumner* in further view of *Rhodes* (U.S. Patent No. 6,343,120); Claims 10 and 24 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Chmaytelli* and *Sumner* in view of *Link, II et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,334,054, hereinafter *Link*); Claims 11 and 25 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Chmaytelli* and *Sumner* in view of *Cannon et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,026,152, hereinafter *Cannon*); Claims 12 and 26 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Chmaytelli* and *Sumner* in view of

Wang et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,161,134, hereinafter *Wang*); and Claim 16 was rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over *Chmaytelli* and *Sumner* in view of *Harrison* (U.S. Patent No. 6,240,302).

Objections To The Oath/Declaration

A new oath or declaration is forth coming with the requested information, but is not attached to this reponse.

Objections To The Specification

The title has been appropriately amended. The claims have been appropriately amended to comport with the examiner's renumbering of the claims.

Rejections Based on 35 USC § 112

Dependent Claims 11 and 25 have been appropriately amended to have sufficient antecedent basis.

Rejections Based on 35 USC § 103

Independent Claim 1 explicitly recites a method of managing phone calls on a personal digital assistant having a wireless handheld phone device, the method comprising, among other things,

"checking an attachment status of a speaker device, ***wherein the speaker device is configured for use on the wireless handheld phone device***". (emphasis added)

It is respectfully submitted that this limitation is neither taught nor suggested by any combination of *Chmaytelli*, *O'Sullivan*, and *Sumner*. The Office Action mentions that *O'Sullivan* teaches checking an attachment status of a speaker device (Column 15, Lines 40-41). It's important to note, however, that *O'Sullivan* is generally directed to a laptop device having limited phone capabilities. *O'Sullivan* is not directed toward a more portable type of wireless handheld phone device. The infrastructure of a wireless handheld phone device is quite different than the infrastructure of the laptop device described in *O'Sullivan*. Likewise, the methodology of providing a speaker device on a wireless handheld device is quite different than the methodology of providing a speaker device in the laptop device described in *O'Sullivan*. A user interacts with a wireless handheld phone device quite differently than the way the user may interact with the laptop device of *O'Sullivan*. The speaker device of the wireless handheld phone device of Claim 1 is thereby sufficiently different than the headset device mentioned in *O'Sullivan*. Accordingly, the cited combination of references neither teach nor suggest independent Claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection to independent Claim 1 be withdrawn.

Independent Claim 3 explicitly recites a method of managing phone calls to a wireless handheld phone device of a personal digital assistant, the method comprising, among other things,

"managing a phone call to the wireless handheld phone device, wherein managing the phone call is based on the status of the radio switch and the status of the network coverage, wherein the step of managing comprises receiving the phone call if a speaker device is

plugged in, ***wherein the speaker device is configured to be electrically connected to the wireless phone device***". (emphasis added)

Independent Claim 17 explicitly recites a computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of one or more instructions for managing a phone call to a wireless handheld phone device of a personal digital assistant, the one or more sequences of one or more instructions including instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to perform the steps of, among other things:

"determining a status of a speaker device device, ***wherein the speaker device is configured to be electrically connected to the wireless phone device***". (emphasis added)

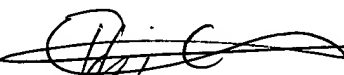
Independent Claims 3 and 17 are allowable for similar reasons independent Claim 1 is allowable, Likewise, dependent Claims 2, 4, 6-13, 15, 16, 18, and 20-26 are allowable for similar reasons there repective base claims are allowable.

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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